TION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) : (a to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 8]

Amount of Over-time Allowance incurred in RMS Offices

25. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI : SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of over time allowance is being incurred in RMS Offices in each Circle in the country;

(b) the number of Lower Grade Officials awaiting promotions in each circle ;

(c) the number of daily wages employees in each circle who have been given break in their services so that they are not entitled for reguar absorption ;

(d) the number of Extra Departmental Agents waiting for promotions in group 'D' in each circle; and

(e) in what manner Government propose to grant promotions to EDAs/Daily Wage employees and group 'D' employees to the Higher Cadre instead of continuing the grant of Over Time Allowance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Taole of the House.

Establishment of an Administrative Office of Indian Council of Medical Research in South India

26. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to establish an administrative office of the Indian Council of Medical Research in South India to cater to the needs of medical scientists and other related research workers working in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnatka and Taml Nadu ; and

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Indian Council of Medical Research have already got their permanent Institutes in Madras and Hyderabad with their administrative divisions.

Demand for IAS/IPS from States

27. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the demand for IAS and IPS personnel from various States, as on date and to what extent this demand is being met ; and

(b) what is the number of pending applications of IAS and IPS personnel from different States for coming to the Centre, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : a) and (b) There is no specific Statewise demand for officers from IAS and IPS for central deputation. However, officers from these Services are considered for appointement in the Government of India keeping in view the availability of vacancies and the suitability of the officers on offer from the State Cadres to hold such posts.

Extension given to the Officers of Central Services

28. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state wha is the number of officers of the Central Services who have been given extensions during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : Since the various Ministries are competent to grant extension in service to officers of the Central Services under prescribed conditions, the information regarding the number of employees who have been granted extention in service during the last three years is not available in this Ministry.

Effects of Feeding the Infants with Milk other than Mother's Milk

29. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that feeding infants with milk, other than mother's milk, leads to cancer ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent the same ; and

(c) whether any incentives are proposed for encouraging the breast feeding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) There is no evidence to suggest that feeding infants with milk other than mother's milk leads to cancer.

(c) No, Sir. However, publicity is being given to encourage breast feeding through extensive health education.

Efficacy of the Cholera Vaccine

30. SHRI PRITHBI MAJHI ; Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that in the seventies, the World Health Organisation had published documents questioning the efficacy of the cholera vaccine:

(b) if so, whether Compulsory Vaccination for Cholera which had been an integral feature of our public health, has been discontinued; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM); (a) Yes.

(b) and (c) Compulsory vaccination of pilgrims in big fairs and festivals had been disontinued since September, 1985 on the advice of experts met under the Chairmanship of Director General of Health Services. Routine anticipatory cholera innoculation as a public health measure before calamities such as floods and droughts etc., was also discontinued on the advice of experts since February, 1988. However, the vaccine can be offered on demand on voluntary basis as health facilities such as hospitals and health centres. The above decision was taken as it was found that the currently available cholera vaccine has limited a efficacy. However, vaccination is done as an adjunct measure in flood affected areas in addition to other measures such as providing safe drinking water, improvement in sanitary conditions, promotion of oral rehydration therapy